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TREE PEONIES—For Autumn, 1930

Lately the "Flower of the Emperor," Tree Peonies are now becoming available for American gardens. The plants develop into large bushes, bearing numerous blooms borne on hardwood branches. They are comparable to the lilac in hardiness and excel Herbaceous Peonies in size, texture, and color-range.

CULTURE.—Once established, Tree Peonies are as hardy as lilacs. For the first winter they should be mulched heavily with clean materials. South and east exposures are the best locations, and none except mature,

established plants should be exposed to the north and west winter winds. Keep watered and cultivated. Plant deeply. Plants gradually grow into bushes 3 to 6 feet in height and spread, bearing, in many cases, more than a hundred blooms. Tree Peonies bloom from two to three weeks earlier than herbaceous varieties and blooms are larger and more beautiful. Petals in most cases resemble crepe paper, and colors are clear and intense.

Planting and shipping are done during August and September.

Tree Peonies—Ready for Fall Planting

Banksi. Double; pink. Vigorous and prolific. 12-18", \$6 each.

Moutan. The wild Tree Peony of Thibet. Single; red. Vigorous grower, and free blooming. Early; blooms with tulips. 12-15", \$6 each.

Moutan Specimens. A limited number of 7-year-old, bushy specimens in 18" size at \$12 each; 5 or more at \$10 each.

COLLECTION A. Banksi and Moutan (value \$12)
One of each for \$10

Junior Collection

2-yr.-old Tree Peonies in random and, possibly, duplicate assortment at \$3.50 each; 5 or more at \$3 each. No warranty as to assortment, except that all *Tree Peonies* are rare and beautiful.

Royal Collections

We have many varieties of rose, pink, flesh and white Tree Peonies, but not many plants of any one variety. They are all fine and choice, however, and we offer them in "Collections, Farr Selection" as below. The plants have already bloomed in our nursery.

	3-yr.-old	2-yr.-old
(a) 2 Plants in 2 varieties for.....	\$20.00	\$15.00
(b) 3 Plants in 3 varieties for.....	27.00	20.00
(c) 4 Plants in 4 varieties for.....	36.00	27.00
(d) 5 Plants in 5 varieties for.....	45.00	35.00

N.B.—These are the finer varieties which would sell at much higher prices if they were definitely named and selected in advance.

30-DAY TERMS IF CREDIT IS ESTABLISHED OR REFERENCES SUPPLIED. LESS 5 PER CENT FOR CASH WITH ORDER

Also 5 per cent "early order" discount on orders mailed before September 1, 1930

SEPT. 10, 1930

Unusually Complete Collections of French Hybrid Lilacs and Flowering Crabs



Why French Lilacs?

A common or old-fashioned Lilac (*Syrin a vulgaris*) will usually stand for years, and almost fill out the space assigned to it before blooming, but a French hybrid will bloom freely in the 18 to 24-inch size and regularly afterwards, frosts and culture permitting. There is also the established argument that when space is limited one should have the best, for it takes up no more room and costs no more to maintain than does the less desirable Lilac.

French Lilacs in Sizes Larger Than Ordinary

	Each
Adelaide Dunbar. Double; red. 2-3'	\$3 00
Alphonse Lavallee. Double; blue-purple. 2-3'	2 00
Belle de Nancy. Double; rose. 2-3'	2 50
Berryer. Semi-double; mauve. 2-3'	2 00
Charles Joly. Double; bright crimson. 2-3'	1 75
Charles Sargent. Double; violet-mauve. 2-3'	3 00
Charles X. Single; bluish red. 2-3'	1 50
Christopher Columbus. Single; blue. 18-24"	4 00
De Mirabel. Single; blue. 2-3'	3 00
De Saussure. Double; red. 18-24"	4 00
Diderot. Single; rich claret-red. 2-3'	2 50
Edith Cavell. Double; pure white. 2-3'	2 50
Edmond Bossier. Single; dark red. 2-3'	2 50
Emile Gentil. Double; cobalt-blue. 2-3'	2 50
Ellen Willmott. The best double white. 18-24"	3 00
Emodi. Single; white. 3-4'	2 50
Henri Martin. Double; mauve. 18-24"	2 00
Hugo Koster. Single; lilac. 2-3'	2 00
Jan Van Tol. Largest single white. 18-24"	2 50
Japonica. White species in July. 4-5'	5 00
Josikaea. Late, single purple species. 3-4'	3 00

	Each
Jules Ferry. Double; silvery blue. 18-24"	\$3 00
Katherine Havemeyer. Double; blue. 18-24"	4 00
Lamartine. Single; mauve-pink. 3-4'	2 00
Leon Gambetta. Best double pink. 18-24"	4 00
Lucie Baltet. Single; coppery old-rose. 2-3'	4 00
Ludwig Spaeth. Single; red. 2-3'	2 00
Marc Micheli. Double; bluish pink. 3-4'	2 50
Mirabeau. Single; pink. 3-4'	1 75
Mme. Casimir-Perier. Double; white. 18-24"	1 00
2-3'	1 50
3-4'	2 00
Mme. Florent Stepman. Single; white. 2-3'	2 50
Mont Blanc. Single; white. 3-4'	2 50
Montgolfier. Single; purple-violet. 3-4'	2 50
Persian Lilac. Single; pink. 2-3'	2 00
Pres. Fallieres. Double; pink. 2-3'	4 00
Pres. Grevy. Double; blue. 2-3'	2 00
Pres. Poincare. Double; purple-red. 2-3'	4 00
Pres. Viger. Double; ashy blue. 2-3'	2 00
Reaumur. Single; dark carmine. 2-3'	2 00
Rene Jarry-Desloges. Double; azure-lilac. 3-4'	3 00
Ronsard. Single; bluish lilac. 2-3'	3 00
Vauban. Double; pink. 3-4'	2 00
Vestale. Single; white. 3-4'	3 00
Volcan. Single; red. 2-3'	3 00
Waldeck-Rousseau. Double; pink. 2-3'	3 00

Mixed Varieties. Mixture includes unnamed strays and discards in wide assortment. Any hybrid is better than the common Lilac, and the prices afford exceptional and economical opportunity for a Lilac hedge or border above the ordinary.

	Each	5 or more Each	25 or more Each
2-3'	\$1.50	\$1.25	\$1.15
3-4'	1.75	1.50	1.25
4-5'	2.25	2.00	1.85

30-day terms or 5 per cent discount for cash with order.

The new Hybrid Lilacs (Leon Gambetta and President Grevy) that I got in May, 1924, from your Company are sure the finest Lilacs that I have ever seen in any Lilac collection. I have 32 different kinds of Hybrid Lilacs that I have gotten from your Nurseries, and they have all been very fine.—DR. ALFRED N. HAGEN, Nebraska, May 14, 1929.

Farr Selection of Lilacs

No. 1. Four French Lilacs in 4 named varieties, 2-3', Farr selection from preceding list, for \$5.

No. 2. Eight French Lilacs in 8 named varieties, 2-3', Farr selection from preceding list, for \$10.

GUARANTEE. (a) Total value of plants received will exceed catalog value by at least 20 per cent.

(b) Plants are returnable if not satisfactory when received.

30-day terms or 5 per cent discount for cash with order.

Flowering Apples

The Flowering Apple is referred to as "Queen of the Garden" by the Arnold Arboretum and should be first on the list of flowering trees used about the home or in the garden. It is of year-round utility. First, the gorgeous masses of bloom, then the shiny, glossy, green, clean bank of foliage, followed by clusters of small, colorful fruit, attractive to the birds and convertible into delicious preserves.

When to Plant. Crabs or Flowering Apples are moved safely in fall, after frosts, and until ground freezes permanently.

Arnoldiana. Semi-double; pink. 4-5', \$2.50 each.

***Atrosanguinea.** Single; red, fading pink. 5-6', \$3 each.

Floribunda. Single; pink, fading white. 5-6', \$2.50 each; 5 or more, \$2 each.

***Bechtel's.** Double; pink. 3-4', \$2 each; 5 or more, \$1.50 each.

Parkmani. Double; dwarf; pink. 5-6', \$2.50 each.

***Purpurea.** Red foliage, flowers, and fruit. 5-6' specimens, \$3 each.

Sargenti. Dwarf; white. 3-4', \$2.50 each.

***Scheideckeri.** Semi-double; pink. 5-6', \$3 each.

Spectabilis Rosea. Double; pink. 4-5', \$3 each.

Toringo. White; low-growing. 4-5', \$3.50 each; 5 or more, \$3 each.

"Chinese Crab" Collection

One each of varieties marked * (value \$11) as a Collection, for \$10, complete.

Less 5 per cent for cash with order, or 3'0 days "net."



Irises at 5 cts. and 10 cts.

if you order NOW for shipment during Iris-planting season—July 10 to September 15—we will ship during July and August unless otherwise specified.

No plants are easier to grow than Irises. No plants are more surely satisfactory, and no plants are more colorful. Moreover, no plants cost less for the pleasure returned. Fill your premises with self-sustaining and self-increasing color. Change the color-scheme periodically.

TERMS. Pay within ten days after plants are received. If you send cash with your order, you may deduct 5 per cent.

32 Popular Irises

10 cts. each, in lots of 50 or more of one kind; 25 or more of one kind at 12 cts. ea.; 5 or more of one kind at 15 cts. each.

Albert Victor. Blue and lavender
Alcazar. Violet and purple
Aurora. Pale pink
Azure. Violet-purple
Dusky Maid. Buff and purple
Etta. Early; cream-yellow
Flavescens. Tall; soft yellow
Foster Yellow. Cream-yellow
Fro. Yellow and brown
Georgia. Early; tall; pink
Iris King. Yellow and maroon
Isoline. Lilac and rose
Jacquiesiana. Coppery maroon
Kochi. Deep royal purple
Ma Mie. White, edged blue
Mary Garden. Yellow and lavender
Pallida Dalmatica. Lavender-blue
Parc de Neuilly. Violet-purple
Pocahontas. White, edged blue
Princess Vic. Louise. Yellow and plum
Prosper Laugier. Bronzy red
Quaker Lady. Lavender and yellow
Queen Caterina. Pale lavender
Queen of May. Pink
Roseway. Tall; red-pink
Shrewsbury. Rose and purple
Syphax. Mauve and purple
Walhall. Lavender and blue
White Knight. Large; white
Windham. Lavender-pink
Siberica Emperor. Best purple
Pseudacorus. Yellow Water Iris

Nine Varieties at Half Price

5 cts. each, in lots of 50 or more of one kind; 25 or more of one kind at 8 cts. each; 5 or more of one kind at 10 cts. each.

Commodore. Clear violet-blue
Dalila. White and plum
Eldorado. Golden purple
Fairy. White, suffused blue
Florentina. Early; white
Germanica. Earliest dark blue
Mary Orth. Large; blue-violet
Rhein Nixe. White and blue
Sherwin-Wright. Golden yellow

Sale of Farr's Better Peonies, Fall, 1930

Odd Varieties and Novelties at a Half and a Quarter of Former Prices

You can afford to have our odd varieties and novelties in your garden at full catalog price, but we do not think we can afford to keep them, move them and handle them at double that price. Therefore, the time is here for a lot of mutually ideal business transactions.

We have selected 60 varieties which are to be closed out, not because they are poor, but because we still have so many "best varieties" which by themselves are quite a problem of culture, detail, and other overhead. In fact, most of the varieties included in the sale are rated above 80 per cent by the American Peony Society.

Here is the list which we will dispose of at little more than the actual digging and shipping cost; all 3 to 5 eye divisions, guaranteed true to name, and shipped subject to approval.

Sale Prices on Peonies

- 1 root of any variety for half the latest catalog price indicated.
- 3 roots of any one variety for the latest catalog price of one.
- 5 or more roots of any one variety, marked * at 40 cts. each, regardless of the catalog price. This applies only to varieties preceded by (*).

Collection Offers

- 1 root each of the 20 varieties from this list marked * (catalog value \$30), for \$12.50.
- 1 root each of 15 varieties, our selection from these 60, for \$7.50.
- 1 root each of 10 varieties, our selection from these 60, for \$5.

N.B.—Our selection will include a liberal number of \$2 to \$5 varieties. Roots will be named and labeled.

The prices quoted are from our latest catalog. You may deduct one-half during this sale. Example, Adelaide Hollis, catalog price \$3; sale price, \$1.50.

Abbreviations: E., Early; M., Midseason; E.M., Early Midseason; L.M., Late Midseason; L., Late.

***Adelaide Hollis.** Large; rosy white. Each L.M. \$3 00
***Admiral Togo.** Crimson-carmine. M. 1 50
Arlequin. Large; deep rose. M. 3 00
Aurora. Lilac-white. L. 1 00
Battlefield. Light cherry-red. M. 2 00
Beatrice Kelway. Pure rose color. L. 1 50
Beauty's Mask. Blush-white. L. 1 50
Bertrade. Ivory-white. M. 3 00
Biebrich. Large; flesh-pink. M. 5 00
Boy Kelway. Dark pink. M. 10 00

Each
***Boule de Neige.** Milk-white. E.M. \$1 00
Charles McKellip. Deep red. E. 2 50
Delicatissima. Delicate salmon-pink. M. 1 00
***Edwin Forrest.** Bright crimson. L.M. 2 00
Elie Chevalier. Bright rose. L. 1 50
***Enchantment.** Rose to hydrangea-pink. M. 1 50
Eugene Bigot. Tyrian-rose tipped silver. L.M. 1 50
Fragrans. Dark pink. L. 1 00
Fraicheur. White, tinted flesh. L.M. 3 00
***Germaine Bigot.** Rose, tinted crimson. M. 1 50
Gloire de Touraine. Velvety red. L. 1 50
Gretchen. Soft flesh-pink. L.M. 5 00
***Henri Murger.** Good pink. L. 1 00
Holbein. Late; white. 5 00
***Jeanne d'Arc.** Pink, salmon, and yellow. M. 1 00
Jeanne Gaudichau. White, pink reflex. L. 2 00
Juliette Dessert. Dark crimson. M. 1 50
Kelway's David. Deep pink. M. 5 00
Kelway's Rosemary. Giant rosy pink. M. 10 00
La Verne. Pink Baroness Schroeder. 3 00
Lamartine (Gigantea). Pale lilac-rose. M. 1 50
Lucy E. Hollis. Very late; lilac-rose. 1 50
***Madeleine Gauthier.** Silvery flesh-pink. M. 2 00
***Marcelle Dessert.** White splashed lilac. M. 2 00
Marchioness of Lansdowne. Clear pink. M. 2 00
Marquis C. Lagergren. Bright crimson. M. 2 50
Mme. D. Treyeran. Rosy white. 2 00
Mme. Emile Dupraz. Soft carmine-rose. M. 2 00
Mme. F. Toscanelli. Large; pale rose. M. 2 00
***Mme. Guyot.** Early; white. 3 00
Mme. Manchet. Silvery lilac shaded purplish pink. L. 2 50
***Mme. Rousseau.** Milk-white. M. 1 00
***Mme. Savreau.** White and yellow. E.M. 1 00
Mrs. Charles Gilbert. Delicate pink. M. 5 00
Mrs. Jennie R. Gowdy. Ruffled; pinkish white. M. 3 00
Mrs. John M. Lewis. Clear blood-red. M. 2 00
Mrs. Ruggles. Late; large; pink. 4 00
***Pasteur.** Pink, white, and cream. M. 1 00
Paradise. Large; white and pink. E.M. 7 50
***Perfection.** Large; shell-pink. L. 1 00
***Philomele.** Yellow and pink. M. 1 00
***Pierre Dessert.** Good early red. 1 00
Raenthal. Silvery pink and white. L.M. 3 00
R. P. Whitfield. Beautiful light pink. L. 2 00
Sarah Carstenson. Large; delicate rose. M. 4 00
***Simonne Chevalier.** Delicate lilac-rose. E. 1 00
Splendida. Light pink, silver sheen. L.M. 2 00
***Souv. de F. Ruitton.** Tyrian-rose. L.M. 2 50
***Souv. de l'Exp. Universelle.** Violet-rose. M. 1 00
T. B. Terry. Flesh-white. M. 3 00

Mixed Peonies

Including a wide assortment of varieties because of our heavy discarding.

Each
5 or more \$0 35
25 or more 30
50 or more 25

30-day terms or 5 per cent discount for cash with order.

IRIS COLLECTIONS—30-Day Trial

NAMED VARIETIES, OUR SELECTION

Our selection will include a wide range of color and choice named varieties. Name labels will be attached to plants.

FIRST-CLASS VARIETIES ONLY

We have recently discarded and disposed of more than 400 Iris varieties, and our selection will be made from the remaining choice sorts. It can be appreciated that only good varieties will be included. Selection must be left to us, at these prices.

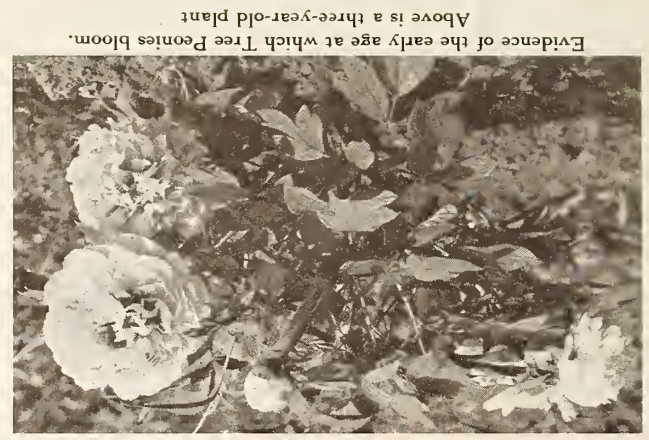
30 Irises in 5 named varieties... \$3 00
30 Irises in 10 named varieties... 3 75
50 Irises in 5 named varieties... 4 50
50 Irises in 10 named varieties... 5 50

You may specify which colors you do not want and we will omit them, but further selection will be left to us.

Guarantee includes safe arrival, trueness to name, and first-class plants.

Terms. Plants are sent on approval and are returnable if not satisfactory. Payment within 30 days or 5 per cent discount for cash with order.

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Evidence of the early age at which Three Peonies bloom.
 Above is a three-year-old plant.

The first general
 Tree Peony offer since 1918.

GOOD NEWS!

Return Postage Guaranteed by
 Farr Nursery Co., Weiser Park, Pa.

BETTER PLANTS

Master Phlox List for Fall
 (All Field-Grown Plants)

	Each	5 or more
B. Comte. Rich satiny amaranth.....	\$0.35	\$0.25
Frau Antoine Buchner. Large; pure white.....	.35	.25
Frau Richard Gross. White with red eye.....	.35	.25
*Frau von Lassburg. Very large; tall; white.....	.35	.25
Gen. Chanzy. Brilliant scarlet.....	.35	.25
Josephine Gerbeaux. Pure white, rose center.....	.35	.25
Le Mahdi. Large; bluish violet.....	.35	.25
Magnificence. Bright rose. Blooms May and June.....	.40	.35
*Miss Lingard. Everblooming Phlox. White blooms with faint lilac eye are borne freely in June and until frosts.....	.35	.25
Mme. Paul Dutrie. Large; soft pink.....	.35	.25
*Paul Fliche. Tender rose, deeper center.....	.35	.25
Rheinlander. Very large; salmon-pink.....	.40	.35
Richard Strauss. Best purple.....	.35	.25
Rijnstroom. Immense, clear pink blooms larger than a silver dollar.....	.40	.35
*R. P. Struthers. Clear bright red, not magenta.....	.35	.25
*Widar. Violet-blue, white eye.....	.35	.25
William Ramsey. Tall; deep, velvety purple.....	.35	.25

25 or more plants of one variety marked * at 15 cts. each
 Applies only on varieties marked *
 COLLECTIONS: 1 each (value \$6.10) for.....\$5.00
 2 each.....\$12.20 for.....\$9.00

Hemerocallis for Fall, 1930
 Including New Hybrids

Citrina Hybrids. Chinese Day Lily. Lemon-colored; May-Sept.; 48-60". Tall and large; longest bloomer; hardy. Vigorous and prolific. A group of plants will form a permanent and natural colony for continuous bloom and cut-flowers. 3 for \$1; 5 or more 25 cts. each; 25 or more 20 cts. each.

Cinnibar. (Stout.) Rich but delicate shade of brownish red; July; excellent growth habit; up to 18 flowers on one 32" stem. Bloom spreads 5" and recurving. Throat is clear cadmium-yellow; outer half of petals sprinkled and striped. Vinaceous; rufous, sepals solidly colored. Sepals and petals strongly gold-glistening. \$3.50 each.

Golconda. (Farr, 1924.) Chrome-yellow; July, Aug.; 40-60"; large (6" across). \$1 each; 5 or more 80 cts. each; 25 or more 75 cts. each.

Golden Bell. (Wallace.) Medium grower; very large, full flowers and recurving petals. Foliage about half as tall as the flower-stems and many buds to a stem. One of the clear yellow types. \$2 each.

Mandarin. (Farr, 1924.) Lemon-yellow; July, Aug.; 48". Bell shaped; recurved. \$1 each; 5 or more 80 cts. each; 25 or more 75 cts. each.

Mikado. (Stout.) Foliage medium, coarse, ascending, curving. General level about 20-24". Flower-stems rise about 10" higher. Leaves remain freshly green and tidy until heavy frosts. Flowers 5" spread. Segments fairly broad, of good texture. In the middle of each petal there is a large blotch of dark and almost purplish red in sharp contrast to rich orange of rest of flower. Season, midsummer. \$3.50 each.

Ophir. (Farr, 1924.) Dark golden yellow; July, Aug.; 36-42". Extremely large blooms (5" across). Might be called a hardy form of Aurantiaca Major. \$1 each; 5 or more 80 cts. each; 25 or more 75 cts. each.

Sovereign. Broad-petaled Day Lily. Chrome-yellow; June, July; 30". Very colorful. 3 for \$1; 5 or more 25 cts. each; 25 or more 22 cts. each.

Wau-Bun. (Stout.) Uniform cadmium-yellow, outer half over-cast delicate fulvous red; June 20 to July 25; 36". Petals are large and broad; spreading rather than recurving. Freely curving contour of petals is unusual and distinct among Hemerocallis. Foliage dark green; compact, erect, with bend at almost 30". Flower surmounts foliage by 6". \$3.50 each.

Vesta. (Stout.) Semi-dwarf; June 20 to July 25; 20". Deep, uniform orange-yellow with faint traces of orange-red; glistening gold sheen. Broad overlapping petals. Foliage stiffly and strongly arched. Flower-stems about 8" above foliage level. Blossom spread, 42". \$3.50 each.

GARDEN "DUCO"

Iris Sherwin-Wright at \$35 per 1000

It is possible to change and beautify home interiors quickly with paint. It is equally possible to change the character and color-scheme of a garden, with frequency, speed, and economy by using Irises. In a recent Iris lecture it suddenly occurred to us that Irises were "Duco" for the garden.

Right now we offer IRIS SHERWIN-WRIGHT, deep golden yellow, at 5 cts. each in lots of 50 or more; 4 cts. each in lots of 100 or more; 3½ cts. each in lots of 250 or more. Clumps containing 3 to 5 divisions at double these prices.

You can appreciate that the variety is extremely hardy and prolific or else we would not have so many—12,000, to be exact.

Roots are guaranteed to be top quality and to reach you in good condition. At the price, you can afford to use them liberally and profusely along walks, drives, foundations, terraces, pools, streams and steps, in shrub, evergreen, and perennial borders—wherever a splash of color, at low cost, would be practical—wherever many other varieties of plants will not thrive or survive. 100 for \$4; 1000 for \$35. If twelve customers order 1000 roots each the supply is gone, so act quickly.

LEFT-OVER TULIPS

It is difficult to prepare or predict Tulip left-overs as this issue goes to press. Many varieties of Tulips are now unobtainable at any price, and the demand is rapidly absorbing our supply.

We are confident, however, that there will be various odds and ends left over from our importation which we will gladly close out at reduced prices.

Write us if interested, and we will send you our "Left-Over" list during early November; or send for our Bulb Catalog and order now, at regular prices, with assurance of having order filled.

"20-TIMES-10" COLLECTION

From our Left-Over Tulips we will prepare this special Collection. We shall have only a few Collections to offer, and orders will be filled as received so long as the stock lasts.

200 Tulips in 10 varieties (20 bulbs of a kind) labeled and packed separately, for \$11.

100 Tulips in 10 varieties (10 bulbs of a kind) labeled and packed separately, for \$6.

Farr Nursery Co. WEISER PARK, PENNA.